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## **GRANDVIEW MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO GROWING MARIJUANA**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Grandview, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today to operating a sophisticated hydroponic marijuana growing operation in his basement.

**Allen T. Bloodworth**, 28, of Grandview, waived his right to a grand jury and pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this morning to a federal information that charges him with conspiracy to manufacture marijuana.

**Bloodworth** admitted that he was growing 206 marijuana plants in the basement of his residence, which he sold for \$550 per ounce. Law enforcement officers discovered the operation during a search of **Bloodworth's** residence on May 2, 2005.

Under federal statutes, **Bloodworth** could be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled after the completion of a presentence investigation by the United States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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